

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph at page 6, lines 15 – 25 with the following amended paragraph:

Data source 114 may also be a computing device configured to provide data to other devices of the system. In some embodiments, data source 114 may be a data repository operated to catalog, store, or otherwise maintain information about reference entities and reference obligations. For example, in one embodiment, data source 114 may be a database of credit agreement or offering prospectuses maintained by an entity such as "Europrospectus.com Ltd". As another example, data source 114 may be information collected by a government or regulatory authority such as the EDGAR (Electronic Data-Gathering, Analysis, and Retrieval) database associated with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. Other sources of data may also be in communication with system 100 to provide up-to-date and accurate information to reference data system 106. Although only a single data source 114 is shown in FIG. 2, any number of data sources may be provided.

Please replace the paragraph at page 8, lines 1 – 9 with the following amended paragraph:

Reference data system 106 is in communication with one or more data stores such as reference data database 108. As will be described further below, reference data database 108 includes reference data associated with different credit derivative agreements. For example, database 108 includes data associated with a number of different reference entities and data associated with a number of different reference obligations. Database 108 may be any database or device configured to store and allow retrieval of the data described herein. For example, in one embodiment, database 108 is configured using Microsoft Access®, a relational database management program by Microsoft® or other structured database system.

Please replace the paragraph at page 10, lines 14 – 28 with the following amended paragraph:

In the example scrub template 320 of FIG. 4, a number of fields of information associated with a particular reference entity and a particular reference obligation are solicited. Scrub template 320 prompts entry from a user for the following items of information: a reference entity name; a jurisdiction of reference entity; an entity role; an issuer name; a guarantor(s); an obligation type; a coupon; an issuance date; a maturity; obligation identifier (e.g., such as a CUSIP (Committee on Uniform Security Procedures), ISIN (International Securities Identifying Number), or other identifier); issuance currency; rank/seniority; and convertible. Those skilled in the art will appreciate that other information may also be solicited, depending on the nature of the obligation and entity. For example, in some embodiments, information regarding the trustee/paying agent (including an identification of the agent and notice information associated therewith) may also be provided. Pursuant to some embodiments, a user who is asked to provide this information may provide the information based on current documents (e.g., such as current obligation documents relating to each reference obligation). A discussion of each of the entries in the exemplary scrub template 320 follows.

Please replace the Abstract with the following amended Abstract:

A system, medium storing processor-executable process steps, and method and apparatus for reference data scrubbing is provided supporting a derivative transaction, the method including receiving data identifying a reference entity participating in the derivative transaction; receiving data identifying at least a first reference obligation associated with the derivative transaction; identifying a contractual relationship between the reference entity and the at least first reference obligation; and generating a data record associated with the derivative transaction, the data record including the data identifying said reference entity, the data identifying the at least first reference

obligation, and data identifying said contractual relationship, wherein the data record is verified as accurate as of an issue date of the derivative transaction.